

CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK FUNDING 2024-25

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Early Years & Schools Forum (the Forum) approval to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block of the 2024-25 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

Information and Advice

2. The Central School Services Block continues to provide funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of maintained schools and academies. This includes ongoing responsibilities and historic commitments.
3. The element of funding within CSSB that local authorities receive for historic commitments made prior to 2013 to 2014 has been reduced. In 2024 to 2025 historic commitments funding has been reduced again by 20%.
4. The local authority is required to seek approval from the Forum to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block (CSSB) of the DSG. Attached at **Appendix A** to this report is a list of the central budgets the Authority is seeking approval to retain.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Forum:

- 1) Approve the Authority's application to centrally retain funding within the Central School Services Block for the services set out at **Appendix A**.

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2024-25 Centrally Held Funding

Service	Note	Schools Forum	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	Description of Services
Contribution to combined budgets	1	Agreement	799	476	381	Psychology service Joint use agreements in academies
Termination of Employment Costs	1	Agreement	1,000	1,000	1,000	Ongoing pension enhancement costs
Admissions		Agreement	1,327	1,376	1,348	Staffing and running costs
Schools Forum		Agreement	3	3	3	Direct costs and officer time
Responsibilities of LA for all schools	2	Agreement	1,712	1,712	1,712	1. Asset Management 2. Education Welfare 3. Strategy, Finance and Information
Central licences negotiated by the Secretary of State	3	For information	649	733	770	Copyright Licences
SEN Transport	1	Agreement		-	-	Funded from the High Needs Block
Pensions for Centrally Employed Teachers		Agreement	196	199	199	
SACRE Budgets Allocation 24/25			-	-	12	
Total Funding Allocation			5,686	5,499	5,424	

Note

1. The budget cannot exceed the value agreed in the previous funding period and no new commitments can be entered into.
2. Former retained element of the Education Services Grant
3. Estimate for 2024/25